

respectfully request the withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph rejection of claim 17.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Baldwin (U.S. Patent No. 4,994,987), and over Laszlo (U.S. Patent No. 5,331,547). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that Baldwin alone or in combination with Laszlo does not disclose, teach or even suggest at least 1) a controller that selects the at least one presentation element identified by the at least one presentation element identifier and affects the at least one presentation element based on the sensed at least one control element identifier, as recited in independent claims 1 and similarly recited in claim 9.

In contrast, Baldwin merely discloses a system for retrieving data such as X-ray films using bar codes. See for example, Baldwin, col. 2, lines 32-39. The Office Action admits that Baldwin fails to disclose at least a controller that selects the at least one presentation element identified by the at least one presentation element identifier and affects the at least one presentation element based on the sensed one control element identifier. However, the Office Action combines Baldwin with Laszlo to remedy these deficiencies of Baldwin.

Laszlo merely discloses a system that provides for navigation within the document database. See, for example, Figure 2 of Laszlo. Thus, Laszlo merely provides for forward and backward selection and random access selection of documents as well as opening and closing of Windows. See, for example, Laszlo, col. 3, line 57 - col. 4, line 60. However, Laszlo does not disclose, teach or even suggest a controller that selects the at least one presentation element identified by the at least one presentation element identifier and affects the at least one presentation element based on the sense that at least one control element identifier, as recited in independent claim 1.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully that claims 1 and 9 define patentable subject matter over Baldwin alone or in combination with Laszlo. Claims 2-8 and 10-15 dependent from independent claims 1 and 9 and therefore define patentable subject matter for at least these reasons. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of claims 1-15.

The Office Action rejects claims 16-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Baldwin and over Laszlo. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that Laszlo does not disclose, teach or even suggest at least a generator that provides a tangible, sensible identification-carrying device with the at least one control element identifier that identifies a function associated with the at least on controllable element, as recited in independent claim 16.

As discussed above, Baldwin alone or in combination with Laszlo merely discloses a system in which physical cards may be used to retrieve information and in which navigation to other documents may be accomplished. However, nothing in Baldwin or Laszlo discloses, teaches, or even suggest at least identifying a function associated with the at one control element as recited in independent claim 16. Dependent claims 17-20 depend from independent claim 16 and therefore define patentable subject matter for at least these reasons. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of claim 16-20.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance is therefore

requested. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact

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